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Akio TOMITA, "A Study of Examination Diagnosis of Pulpitis by an Electric Resistance Value", Journal of Oral Disease, Vol. 29, pp. 304-319 (1962), accompanied by a partial English language translation, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 3, paragraph [0006];

Yoshiko HAYASHI, "A Clinical Observation for Pulp Diagnosis of Temporary Teeth and Prognosis Thereof by Electric Resistance Values", Journal of Child Dental Science, Vol. 31, No. 2, pp. 290-295, (1982), which is cited in the specification beginning on page 3, paragraph [0006];

JP 9-503932, accompanied by family member WO 98/04506, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 3, paragraph [0006];

JP 2000-210309, accompanied by an English language abstract, which is cited in the specification beginning on page 3, paragraph [0006];

WO 2000/012050, accompanied by family member U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0168609, is cited as an "A" category document;

JP 50-37296, accompanied by an English language translation, is cited as an "A" category document.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2) (ii), copies of the U.S. published patent application is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

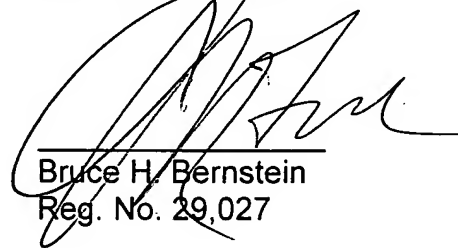
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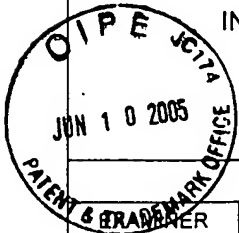
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